

**In the Specification:**

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 6 to read as follows:

As the lock ring 45 engages with the spigot projection 9, thereby preventing any further insertion of the spigot 5 to the inside of the socket 3, the following relational expression:

$$(L+V) - (y+H) < h_2$$

or

$$(L+V) - (t - T_0)\tan\theta_5 - H < h_2 \dots (xi)$$

is satisfied.